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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): **Jens BEGER, Rudolf ZEPF, Rudolf BEISSE and Michael POTULSKI**

Title: **LOCKING MECHANISM FOR A BONE SCREW**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) ☒ Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and claims - 27 pages
- (2) ☒ Six (6) sheets of formal drawings, together with transmittal letter
- (3) ☒ A check in the amount of \$932 to cover the ☒ filing fee (\$932.00) and/or
[] Assignment Recordal Fee (\$40) is enclosed.

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Basic Fee								\$	770.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (\$260.)									
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EXTRA	Total Claims	29	20	9	x	\$18.	=	\$	162.00
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 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application
 - c. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s) – signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.
- (5) ☐ Small Entity Status

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (6) ☒ Assignment document
- a. ☐ Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application
 - c. ☒ Please include assignee information when this application is published
- Assignee: AESCULAP AG & Co. KG**
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- (7) ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- (8) ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document, together with separate transmittal letter
- (9) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, together with PTO Form 1449 and copies of cited references
- (10) ☒ Return receipt postage prepaid postcard
- (11) ☒ Express Mail Certificate (Mailing Label No. EV 129898185 US)
- (12) ☒ Application Data Sheet
- (13) ☐ Other:
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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
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Prior application information:
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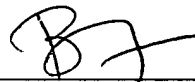
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- (15) [] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

- (16) [] This application claims the benefit of _____ Patent Application No. _____ filed on _____.

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are six (6) sheets of formal drawings for filing in the above-referenced patent application.

Please advise the undersigned attorney if correction is necessary.

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